

Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review

Minutes: May 10, 2016

The Rhode Island Fire Safety Code Board of Appeal and Review met at its headquarters located at 2 Regan Court, Mathias Building #56, in Cranston, RI on Tuesday, May 10, 2016, at 1:00 P.M.

Call to Order:

Chairman Newbrook called the meeting to order at 1:05 P.M.

Roll Call:

Present were Chairman Newbrook, Commissioners Booth, Jackson, Filippi, Thornton and Walker.

Also present were Executive Director W. Keith Burlingame Esq., and Assistant Administrative Officer Kathy Hague.

Absent from today's hearing were Vice-chairman Blackburn, Commissioners Pearson, Richard and Sylvester.

Minutes: Commissioner Jackson made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Filippi, to accept the May 3, 2016, minutes as written. Motion passed unanimously.

New Business:

APPEAL #160047: Mike D'Amore and Tom Bryant appeared for the property located at 271 Rockridge Drive, Woonsocket. Assistant Deputy State Fire Marshal (ADSFM) David Degrange appeared for the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioners Filippi and Walker, to grant the Applicant a time variance until December 31, 2016 to install approved smoke and carbon monoxide detectors and a municipally connected fire alarm system. The Applicant is also required to remove the vent and seal the opening in the second floor ceiling of the common means of egress. The Board authorized the Woonsocket Fire Marshal's Office to extend the above timeline for good faith compliance efforts being demonstrated with the provisions of the Board Rules and Regulations sections 6-2-22.1. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160052: Matt Murphy and Michael Turano appeared for the property located at 93 Tower Street, Westerly. Deputy State Fire Marshal (DSFM) Robert Letourneau appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Walker, to grant the Applicant time to develop a plan of action and return to the Board in December 2016. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160053: Craig Pianka appeared for the property located at 51 Laurel Avenue, Coventry. DSFM Thomas Dettore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion,

seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to grant a variance to allow the vending machines and furniture to remain in the elevator exit enclosure, and to allow the existing passenger elevator to remain in use without conforming to Fire Fighters' Emergency Operations Phase II requirements. The motion passed unanimously.

APPEAL #160041A: Richard Mignanelli and Norman Landroche, Jr., Esq. appeared for the property located at 3347 South County Trail, East Greenwich. ADSFM Steven Hughes appeared for the East Greenwich Fire Marshal's Office. DSFM Thomas Dettore appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Thornton made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to allow a maximum occupancy load of 299 for the entire facility, with a total (complete) fire alarm system with emergency forces notification required. Also, the East Greenwich Fire Marshal's Office must be notified when the occupancy load for any event in the function room is calculated at less than fifteen (15) square feet per person. Any further additions to the facility that will increase the occupancy load will deem this variance void and will require this facility to be in full compliance with the fire code. In addition, this variance is in effect only for the duration of ownership of this facility by the current owner. The motion passed unanimously over the objections of the East Greenwich and State Fire Marshal's Offices.

APPEAL #150046A: Tim Wensus, Bruce Thompson, Mary Kay, Esq., Joseph Dias and Tricia Quest, Esq. appeared for the property located

at Fort Adams State Park/Harrison Avenue, Newport. ADSFMs Wayne Clarke and Kevin Garcia appeared for the Newport Fire Marshal's Office. DSFMs James Gumbley and Octavio Vieira appeared for the State Fire Marshal's Office. Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to have the Applicant return to the Board on May 31, 2016 with an updated plan of action. The motion passed unanimously with Commissioner Thornton leaving the hearing prior to the vote and not participating.

Old Business: None.

Open Forum / Public Comment: None.

Adjournment: Commissioner Walker made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Jackson, to adjourn the meeting at 3:04 P.M. Motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted by:
Kathleen Hague